



Marian College

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From the Head of Wellbeing



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students of Marian College,

❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*

❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

Early Start

The entire school commenced Early Start on the 21st November. For many students it has been an excellent opportunity to get to know their class mates and new teachers, and so many students have made a great first impression. We urge students and teachers alike to welcome each other warmly, keeping in mind how important positive relationships are for learning.

New Time table

We have also commenced the new timetable, and have been getting used to new bell times and break times. Some tummies are having to adjust given lunchtime starts earlier now. On the plus side, with more time allotted to literacy and numeracy, we are hopeful that the new time table will provide the learning environment student's need to grow in these areas. Many students in Years 9 are benefiting from the wide elective choices and are enjoying their new subjects. The longer lessons mean that students from Years 7 -12 will get to immerse themselves in their learning long enough to grasp new concepts and consolidate their learning a bit better than they

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God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as a pathway to peace;
taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that You will make all things right
if I surrender to Your will;
so that I may be reasonably happy
in this life and supremely happy with
You forever in the next.
Amen.”

**THE SERENITY PRAYER,
REINHOLD NIEBUHR**

—woman's day—

would have in shorter, successive lessons within a cramped timetable.

New Student Leaders

Our new Year 12 leaders ran their first assembly on the 21st, with each leader introducing themselves to the school. They were enthusiastic and engaging and we know they will bring so many wonderful qualities to their roles - not least of all, vision, energy and a compassionate collective spirit.

Farewells

During assembly, we farewelled our psychologist Emma Dawes, who leaves us to commence working in Ballarat as of next year. We thank her for her energetic and compassionate spirit and her commitment to our students throughout the year. We also farewelled Melissa Terry who will be moving interstate with her family. Melissa has been an excellent classroom teacher, who has been so professional and committed. She has also been a fantastic Head of Humanities and we will be sad to lose her skills and talent. Melissa will be missed for her humour, professionalism and compassion.

Awards Night

Monday 28th November will be our awards evening - a chance for us to acknowledge the brilliance and studiousness of our students. It is a lovely evening where students are commended for their efforts in various subject areas across the year. This acknowledgement is so important, especially given how hard students have tried and how much effort and diligence they have towards their studies in various fields.

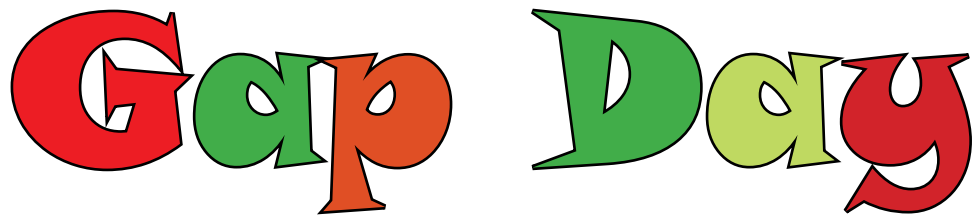
Year 10 Leadership Training Day

This day takes place in the 30th November and involves the Year 10s for 2022 (next year's Year 11s). It is a leadership event, which encourages students to see their own potential to help others who may be more vulnerable. Interested students can nominate themselves to become Peer Leaders and work alongside our Year 7s for 2023 by leading the Peer Support Program. This program runs through Wellbeing lessons and is essentially a transition program for our students, combined with the opportunity of leadership for our 11s.

Halls Gap Day

Our Last day of Term, Friday the 2nd December, will be our day out at Halls Gap for our 7s and 8s (2022). It is a great opportunity to relax together, play, swim, bush walk and eat lots of ice-cream! It will be a day to remember and are excited to show our Year 7s what the day is all about. It is a compulsory school day and a fun school day - you definitely don't want to miss it!

Ms Saravanja



**Friday 2nd December
Year 7 and 8 2022 students**

Activities include:-

Ice Cream Shop

Swimming

Venus Baths Walk

Park and Playground

**PE Uniform, must wear school
approved hat and closed-toe shoes,
bring swimwear and a towel,
Bring own snacks, money for ice cream,
drink bottle and lunch**

Please consent on Parent Access Module (PAM)

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello everyone,

Welcome to another Synnott House newsletter.

Early start is under way. As we know, all students have started their 2023 journey and moved up a year level into their new subjects. We also have a new timetable, therefore the last few weeks have suddenly become a large learning curve.

These big changes may be a time for students to hit the reset button and a time to become excited about the new year. It may also be a time of apprehension and finding yourself outside of your comfort zone. This is okay and there are friends and staff here to assist you in this big transition. Let's all have a strong finish to the year.

There are a number of activity days coming up to finish off the year to add to the business of the last few weeks. Year 10's have their leadership training day. This is a wonderful way to end the year and is used to promote the peer support program. Year 7 & 8's have the annual Halls Gap day to signal the end of their school year. This is also a great celebration. It is a compulsory school day.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Synnott House captains for 2023. Ruby Preston and Bel Harney. I look forward to working with the both of you in 2023. We will be busy planning activities for the house and other events.

This is my last newsletter for the year. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period. I hope the holiday season brings great joy and rest.

Nick Lloyd





MARIAN COLLEGE AWARDS EVENING All Welcome

DATE: TONIGHT! Monday 28th November, 2022

VENUE: Astor Cinema Ararat

TIME: Years 7, 8 & 9 - 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Years 10 & 11 - 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm

STUDENTS SHOULD ARRIVE 15 MINUTES
PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT

NEW BELL TIMES COMMENCING 21 NOVEMBER

TA/Homeroom	8.52am – 8.58am	6 minutes
Period 1	9.00am – 10.00 am	1 hour
Period 2	10.02am – 11.02am	1 hour
Lunch Break	11.02am – 11.46am	44 minutes
Period 3	11.50am – 12.50am	1 hour
Period 4	12.52pm – 1.52pm	1 hour
Recess	1.52pm – 2.14pm	22 minutes
Period 5	2.16pm – 3.16pm	1 hour

END OF SEMESTER REPORTS ONLINE

The end of Semester Reports will be available online from 12.00 noon on Thursday 1st December, 2022.

Please access your son or daughter's report through the PARENT ACCESS MODULE (PAM) on the school website at <http://mcararat.catholic.edu.au> using your current login and password.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The school has some second hand uniform items on display in the foyer.

Parents are welcome to visit the office to select from the available items of uniform (free of charge)

Thank you.

Peter Doherty Science Award

The Peter Doherty Science Award is a competition for students from Year 7-10 to use creative science to investigate an everyday question. Students work in small groups to design and carry out an experiment using evidence based scientific methods. They present their findings as a formal scientific poster which is then assessed by the PDSA committee. The top 5 entrants are selected as finalists who then present their findings to a panel of 4 judges and audience. The panel, made up of science professionals and local community leaders, judged the presentation and then, combined with the poster, an overall winner was selected.

Marian College was privileged to have a team selected as finalists for the 2022 Peter Doherty Science Award. The team of Year 9 students, Penelope Bulger, Emily Ross and Emily Jarrett, presented their report on '*What is the most hygienic way to dry your hands?*' at the PDSA presentation evening on 24th November at Ballarat Tech School. Both their poster and oral presentation were outstanding and a credit to their hard work and dedication to this project. Whilst they did not take out the overall award, they did receive a CSIRO bronze CREST award, in recognition of their achievement in inquiry learning. Congratulations to Penny, Emily and Emily on their exceptional accomplishment.

The PDSA is one of many STEM opportunities available to students at Marian College. In 2023 we will continue to take part in these activities designed to encourage and enhance students' skills and confidence in STEM subjects. We hope to engage with local industry and community members in order to enhance the connection of STEM subjects with real world applications. Please contact Marian College if you would like to discuss opportunities for collaboration.

Ms Susan MacPherson
Head of Science



Outdoor Education Camp

After three years without an Outdoor Ed. camp due to the Covid and restrictions, the 2022 Semester 2 Outdoor Ed. class teamed with Bindaree Outdoor Education group on a five-day four-night camp in the Grampians in mid-November. Mr Casey and I took 20 students along, including two Semester 1 students who filled in some absentee gaps. I know that I was excited to take a group out into the Gariwerd/The Grampians again, and when Bindaree ran late picking us up on Monday, we were pleased to have dodged the majority of the rain!

We began at Mt Zero on Monday afternoon, rain gear ready and learning to adjust packs in preparation for our first hike. We hiked 5km to Stapylton campsite the first afternoon and set up for the night, getting into the routine of organising group gear and preparing the evening meal. Our group leaders, Jordan and Caitlin, got to know everyone's names and established expectations. Although some found carrying heavy packs for the first time hard, everyone did a great job. Aside from my car getting bogged as we shuttled it to the new site and a couple of showers throughout the evening, we were off to a good start.

Day two found us hiking from Stapylton to Trooper's camp, a total of 16km. We packed up wet tents but the day was mainly dry. The scenery was stunning and we (group 2) stopped for lunch at Coppermine camp, where we utilised the new Peaks Trail lunch shelter before completing the trek. Group 1 worked fantastically as a team to support all group members when one trekker experienced some difficulty. The group cut to a different, slightly shorter route so that everyone could get safely into camp. Vistas from the camp were again lovely, and the groups discussed mindsets and resilience, approaching this day differently than day one, thinking about the way we approach mental and physical challenges when we find ourselves outside of our comfort zones. Comradery around camp was good, and the groups got into the rhythm of group cooking a camp life, some really stepping up to help out.

Wednesday we travelled by bus to Summerday Valley to rock-climb and abseil. Most students had a go at either or both of the activities, and everyone helped out with ground ropes and belay. We learned how lucky we were to have



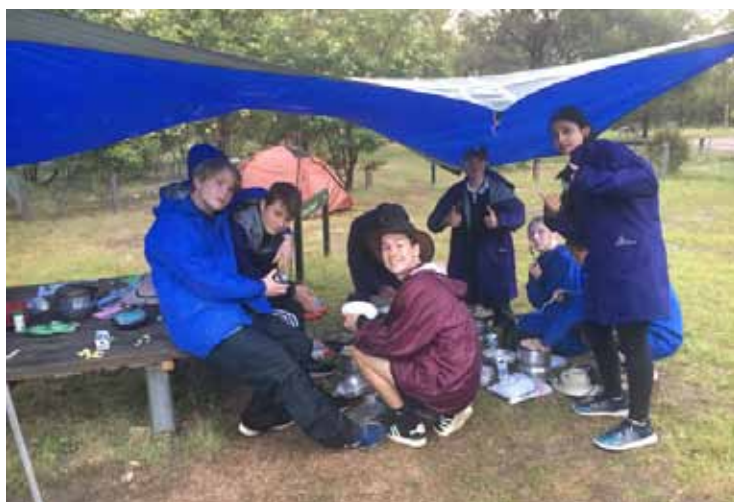
access to the area, the natural surroundings considered to be an Indigenous (outdoor) museum rich in artefacts and history. Our guides discussed the significance of the area and the importance of visiting without leaving a footprint. Many students had to overcome their fears to complete the abseil, but sought out the chance to achieve something new and to overcome a challenge. Everyone was so supportive of their classmates, encouraging them in both activities and ensuring the day was a positive experience for all. I was so impressed with the way they supported each other and the enthusiasm with which they approached the day! That evening, students reflected around the campfire and discussed their most significant moment thus far, as well as their goal for the remainder of the week.

Day four was an 11km hike from Plantation camp, where we had shuttled to the day before, to Borough Huts. Ms MacPherson joined us for the hike and the night. By now, students knew what to do: how to adjust their packs, how to pack up camp, how to prepare meals and clean up. Group gear was carried by all, and people traded off when others needed a break. There were many hilarious slides through the mud and races up hills as we trekked behind Lake Bellfield. We got in early to Borough Huts for a late lunch. Students had the afternoon to relax around camp and explore, and another evening around the campfire.

On Friday, we packed up for our 5km hike out and then ice cream at Halls Gap. About 30m before the end of our track, we completed a proper creek crossing, crab-walk style! What a way to cap off the adventure that was the week. We then had a Mexican 'bucket lunch' at the end of our hike, which we agreed had to be the top meal of the week.

From my perspective, the students each adapted and grew in their own small ways while on camp. I enjoyed getting to know many of them and the laughs and antics had by all on the trail and at camp. They accessed beautiful areas only available to those who will trek in to see them and made lasting memories with friends. What a lovely, capable group; champions one and all!

Erica McConachy







Stawell Community Carols

5.00 to 9.30pm

Friday 9 December 2022

Cato Park, Stawell

5pm Live Entertainment

**Barbecues
Coffee and cakes
Drinks and snacks**

7pm Community Carols

**Programs available at entry
gates**

Donations to local charities on night

Drug and alcohol-free family event



WORLD FESTIVAL OF MAGIC 2022



✓ Accessible seating



✓ Sensory-friendly theatre

DATE

WEDNESDAY, 7th DECEMBER 2022

SHOWTIMES

11.30 am and 6.00 pm

Duration: 60 – 70 minutes with no intermission.

VENUE

FOUNDERS THEATRE

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY, Chancellor Drive, Mount Helen Campus.

**ABOUT THE
SHOW**

Astonishing magic and illusions,
hilarious comedy and mind-blowing
balancing and juggling acts!

- Thanks to the generous sponsorship from businesses across Greater Ballarat, this incredible spectacle provides children of all abilities and backgrounds with an opportunity to experience world-class acts.

- Enjoy an inclusive, accessible and flexible environment with a relaxed attitude to audience noise and movement.

- If you can't attend the live show, watch a professionally pre-recorded version with unlimited streaming and on-demand viewing. Auslan video interpreting is available!



All tickets are complimentary for children and young adults with additional needs as well as their families and carers.

(One ticket per person is required when booking tickets)

**To book tickets and to register for streaming access,
please email your order and contact details to:**

✉ meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

☎ or call / text 0404-367-782



November 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28 AWARDS EVENING ASTOR CINEMA	29 YEAR 7 2023 ORIENTATION DAY	30 YEAR 10 2022 LEADERSHIP TRAINING DAY YEARS 10 & 11 2022 LAST DAY	DECEMBER 1 YEAR 9 2022 LAST DAY	2 YEAR 7 & 8 2022 GAP DAY LAST DAY OF TERM

DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 2023

23rd January, 2023 - Office Opens

30th January, 2023 - Years 7 and 12 commence Term 1

31st January, 2023 - Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 commence Term 1

1st February to 3rd February, 2023 - Year 12 Retreat

6th February to 10th February, 2023 - Year 7 Camp Week